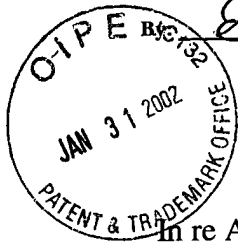


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated August 13, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please note the period for response has been extended until January 13, 2002, by the accompanying Petition and fee.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 16, and 17 as follows.

Please add the following new Claims 21 and 22.

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."